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Rep. King Sponsors Bill Calling for Investigation Of State Department, CIA

A resolution establishing a joint committee of Congress to investigate the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency was introduced this week by Rep. Carleton J. King of New York.

Rep. King's resolution calls for a searching inquiry into all aspects of the foreign intelligence activities of the State Department and the C. I. A. with particular attention being given to the collection and evaluation of information relating to our national security.

In a statement to the press, the New York legislator said the real purpose of his resolution was to shed some light on "what is really going on throughout the world" and "why our relations with other nations are deteriorating." He said a committee such as he has proposed would be expected to recommend such changes as may be necessary to implement to a greater degree the response of

the United States to world developments and to insure that only the best interests of America are being served in its struggle against communism.

In elaborating on his statement, Rep. King stated, "The American people are losing confidence in the way this administration has conducted foreign policy matters in Cuba and elsewhere. Our intelligence reports apparently did not support any claim of an alarming military buildup in Cuba, yet aerial photos proved that warplanes and missiles capable of reaching any target in the U.S. were on the island."

Rep. King also criticized the administration's role in the Congo, in Laos, Viet Nam and Algeria and said our relations with these countries and others leave much to be desired. "I am firmly convinced," the congressman said, "that a thorough investigation by Congress is in order, and I hope this investigation will get underway immediately before we are forced to abandon any more of our strategic missile sites or pay some despotic dictator another \$53 million ransom."

The membership of the joint committee would consist of five members of the Senate and five members of the House of Representatives. The committee would be empowered to hold hearings within or outside the United States and to require by subpoena if necessary the attendance of witnesses and the production of such books, papers and documents deemed advisable.

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